

REMARKS

Claims 23-28 are pending.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

Claims 24-25

The Examiner has rejected claims 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. See Office Action at p. 3. Applicants herein provide a second declaration by Dr. Samuele Burastero ("the Burastero declaration") attached at Appendix A as further support for the response to the enablement rejection filed on April 2, 2008. The Burastero declaration includes data on DB-81 antibody, the affinity of DB-81 for the CD4-env complex, the ability of the DB-81 antibody to block infection with HIV-1 and the neutralization of different HIV-1 isolates by DB-81.

Applicants thus believe that Applicants have informed and demonstrated to a person having ordinary skill in the art how to use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection with respect to claims 24 and 25.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Should any fees be required by the present Reply, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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